	1	2	3
House Keeping (No. of untallied branches)			
New Delhi Zone	15	19	28 (18)
Delhi Zone	8	3	7 (4)

(Figures in brakets indicate the latest position)

(b) The Punjab & Sind Bank has further reported that their branches at Green Park New Delhi and Shalimar Bagh. Delhi were given Best Branch awards for their performance in 1993-94 and 1994-95 respectively.

Pension And I.R. to Staff of CCL

4435. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have amended the norms to give pension and Interim relief to the retired staff of Central Coalfields Limited:

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) whether there is any proposal to increase pension and Interim relief to the retired staff of Central coalfields limited; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) No, Sir

(b) to (d). Does not arise in view of the reply to part (a) of Question.

Bar Council

4436. SHRI N. DENNIS : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to make any changes in State Bar Councils' composition to ensure justice to aggrieved litigants/complainants:

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of Assam State bar Council's executive Committee member at present;

(d) the names of advocates suspended/debarred from practice by the said State Council since its inception, year-wise; and

(e) the names of representatives from the said council since its inception, having served as members of Bar council of India with respective tenure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(e) As per information furnished by the Bar Council of India the names or representatives from the bar Council of Assam, Nagaland etc. with their respective tenure since the incention of the Advocates Act, 1961 are as follows :-

S.Shri Satyendra Kishore Ghosh	18.7.62	to	21.7.64
Dr. Jagadish Chandra Medhi	21.7.64 and 26.7.69	to	7.2.68 to 15.12.76
B.K. Goswami	Dec.'76	to	28.4.84
L. Nandkumar Singh	28.4.84	to	7.5.93
Dr. Harendra Kumar Das	8.5.93		Till now

Financial Assistance Provided to the States

4437 SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL
SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) details of the financial assistance provided by the Union Governent under section 12 of Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 during the last three years and in 1996 till date statewise.

(b) the number of persons to whom free legal aid/assistance has been provided out of Legal aid Fund of the States during the above period State-wise.

(c) the criteria fixed for providing free legal aid and assistance to the people by the authorities of Union Government and legal aid fund;

(d) the number of applications received for getting free legal aid and financial assistance during the said period and the number of applications among them accorded sanction and rejected respectively, State-wise, and

(e) the reasons for rejection of these applications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) The Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 (excepting Chapter III which contains provisions with regard to State Legal Services' Authority) has been brought into force w.e.f. 9th Nov., 1995. The provisions of Chapter III of the Act have so far been extended to 13 States namely Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya pradesh, Manipur, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and National Capital Territory of Delhi, who have finalised and notified their rules in the State Gazettes.

Section 12 of the Legal Services Authorities Act lays down criteria for Legal Aid.